

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please **cancel** Claims 1 and 2.

Please **amend** Claims 3-6, 8, 10, 11, 19, and 20 by substituting the following:

3. (Twice amended) A differential according to claim 5, wherein the support member and the clutch are axially arranged to each other.

4. (Twice amended) A differential according to claim 5, wherein the drive gear is located in radial alignment with the support member.

b1 5. (Twice amended) A differential comprising:
a drive gear;
a differential housing operative to be driven by the drive gear;
a support member located between the drive gear and the differential housing for supporting the drive gear to the differential housing for relative rotation; and
a clutch operative to interconnect the drive gear and the differential housing with each other, the clutch including a first clutch provided between the drive gear and the differential housing, and an actuator for operating the first clutch,
wherein the first clutch is located axially between the support member and the actuator.

6. (Twice amended) A differential according to claim 5, wherein the support member supports at least two points of the drive gear.

b2 8. (Twice amended) A differential according to claim 5, wherein the support member is located in alignment with the clutch.

10. (Amended) A differential according to claim 9, wherein the actuator further comprises an electromagnetic system for engaging the second clutch.

11. (Amended) A differential according to claim 10, wherein the electromagnetic system comprises:

a core; and

a rotor located between the core and the second clutch for magnetically conducting therebetween, the rotor being supported on the differential housing.

19. (Amended) A differential according to claim 5, wherein the support member comprises:

bearings arranged in axial alignment with each other.

20. (Twice amended) A differential system comprising:

a reduction gear;

a drive gear operative to be driven by the reduction gear;

a differential operative to be driven by the drive gear;

a support member located between the drive gear and the differential for supporting the drive gear to the differential for relative rotation; and

a clutch operative to interconnect the drive gear and the differential with each other,

wherein the clutch includes a first clutch provided between the drive gear and the differential, and an actuator for operating the first clutch, and

wherein the first clutch is located axially between the support member and the actuator.

Please **add** the following new claims:

21. (New) A differential comprising:

a drive gear;

a differential housing having axially opposed ends rotatably supported to a stationary member, the differential housing rotatably supporting the drive gear and being operative to be driven by the drive gear; and

a clutch overlapped axially with the drive gear and being operative to interconnect the drive gear and the differential housing with each other.

22. (New) A differential system comprising:

a reduction gear;

a drive gear operative to be driven by the reduction gear;

a differential having axially opposed ends rotatably supported to a stationary member, the differential rotatably supporting the drive gear and being operative to be driven by the drive gear; and

a clutch overlapped axially with the drive gear and being operative to interconnect the drive gear and the differential with each other.
